

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Page 10, after line 23, but before line 24, please add the heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Page 12, after line 2, but before line 3, please add the heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

Page 20, line 1, please delete the heading “CLAIMS” and please add the heading:

-- WHAT IS CLAIMED: --

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please delete claims 1-18 in their entirety, prior to calculation of the filing fee, and
please add new claims 19-38, as follows:**

19. A method of incorporating fibriform smoke-modifying material in a smoking material rod, the method comprising:

feeding fibriform smoke-modifying material longitudinally to a rod-making machine along a longitudinal feed path in said machine, said feed path being in a travel direction of a smoking material deposition run of a suction band of said machine;

causing said feed path of said fibriform smoke-modifying material to ascend toward said deposition run under the influence of the suction force until, at a predetermined distance along said deposition run, said fibriform material becomes supported and is subsequently maintained at a